Amendments to the Claims:

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and Listings of Claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A fishing system comprising:

a fishing rod including a top side, a bottom side, a left side and a right side, the fishing rod also including eyelets positioned at one of the top or bottom sides of the fishing rod, the fishing rod further including a reel mount, a shaft that extends forwardly from the reel mount and a handle that extends rearwardly from the reel mount, the eyelets being mounted to the shaft; and

an arm cradle connected to the fishing rod, the arm cradle having a forearm receiving portion located rearward of the reel mount, the forearm receiving portion being elongated along a length that extends between front and rear ends of the forearm receiving portion, the forearm receiving portion being configured such the length of the forearm receiving portion extends generally parallel to a user's forearm when the user's forearm is received within the forearm receiving portion, the forearm receiving portion of the arm cradle opening in an upward direction, and the arm cradle being pivotally moveable relative to the fishing rod about a pivot axis that is positioned adjacent the front end of the forearm receiving portion of the arm cradle and is also offset to one of the left or right sides of the fishing rod, wherein the arm cradle can pivot left and right relative to the fishing rod.

2. (Original) The fishing system of claim 1, wherein the arm cradle is positioned above the top side of the fishing rod.

3. (Original) The fishing system of claim 1, wherein the arm cradle inclines upwardly from the fishing rod at an angle in the range of 0-45 degrees.

4. (Original) The fishing system of claim 1, wherein the cradle defines an incline angle relative to the fishing rod, and wherein the incline angle is adjustable.

5. (Previously Presented) The fishing system of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the arm cradle extends rearwardly beyond a rear end of the handle.

6. (Previously Presented) The fishing system of claim 1, wherein the cradle includes a base portion and opposing left and right side walls that define an upwardly facing channel having an open top side, an open front end and an open back end, the channel having a width and a length, the width of the channel being defined between the side walls and the length of the channel extending between the open front end and the open rear end of the channel, the length of the channel being at least 1.5 times longer than the width of the channel.

7. (Previously Presented) The fishing system of claim 6, wherein the channel length is in the range of 5-12 inches.

8. (Previously Presented) The fishing system of claim 7, further comprising a pivot pin coupled to the arm cradle at a location adjacent the open front end of the channel, the pivot pin including a pivot portion that extends downwardly from the arm cradle.

9. (Previously Presented) The fishing system of claim 8, further comprising a clamp coupled to the fishing rod, the clamp defining an opening in which the pivot portion is pivotally mounted.

10. (Currently Amended) An arm support device for use with an elongated item having a handle, the arm support device comprising:

a coupler adapted to be coupled to the handle;

a forearm receiving member defining a channel elongated along a length that extends between open front and rear ends of the forearm receiving member, ~~the forearm receiving member being configured such the length of the forearm receiving member extends generally parallel to a user's forearm when the user's forearm is received within the forearm receiving member,~~ the channel having an open top side, the forearm receiving member being positioned above the coupler; and

a pivot member that connects the forearm receiving member to the coupler, the pivot member defining a pivot axis that extends generally in an upward/downward direction and is located adjacent the front end of the forearm receiving member, the forearm receiving member being pivotally moveable about the pivot axis defined by the pivot member, and the length of the forearm receiving member extending generally radially outwardly from the pivot axis.

11. (Previously Presented) The arm support device of claim 10, wherein the forearm receiving member includes a base portion that inclines upwardly from the coupler.

12. (Currently Amended) An arm support device for use with an elongated item having a handle, the arm support device comprising:

a coupler ~~adapted to be coupled to the handle~~ defining a receptacle for receiving the handle, the receptacle having a central axis;

an arm cradle defining a channel that opens in an upward direction, the arm cradle including a bottom base portion and opposing, spaced-apart side walls that extend upwardly from the bottom base portion, the bottom base portion and the opposing, spaced-apart side walls cooperating to define the channel of the arm cradle, the arm cradle being positioned above the coupler; and

a pivot pin that connects the arm cradle to the coupler, the pivot pin including a pivot shaft that extends downwardly from the arm cradle to the coupler, ~~and wherein the cradle includes a base portion that inclines~~ the pivot shaft defining a pivot axis about which the arm cradle pivots, the bottom base portion of the arm cradle inclining upwardly from the coupler at an angle in the range of 15-30 degrees relative to the central axis of the receptacle of the coupler, and the channel of the arm cradle defining a longitudinal axis that intersects the pivot axis of the pivot pin.

13. (Previously Presented) The arm support device of claim 10, wherein the forearm receiving member inclines relative to the coupler as the arm cradle extends from the front end to the back end.

14-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) An arm support device for use with an elongated item having a handle, the arm support device comprising:

a clamp including a receptacle for receiving the handle, the clamp including a top side, a bottom side, a left side, a right side, a front side and a back side, the receptacle extending through the clamp from the front side to the back side;

an arm cradle having a base portion and opposing left and right side walls that define an upwardly facing channel having an open top side, an open front end and an open back end, the channel having a width and a length, the width of the channel being defined as a maximum distance measured between the side walls and the length of the channel extending between the open front end and the open rear end of the channel, the width of the channel being shorter than the length of the channel[,]; and

a connecting member that connects the arm cradle to the clamp, the connecting member having at least a portion that extends downwardly from the arm cradle to the clamp, the connecting member defining a pivot axis for allowing the arm cradle to pivot left and right relative to the clamp, the pivot axis being offset to the left or the right of the receptacle, and the pivot axis being positioned at a location adjacent the open front end of the arm cradle channel.

17. (Previously Presented) The arm support device of claim 16, wherein the base portion inclines as the base portion extends from the open front end to the open back end.

18. (Previously Presented) The arm support device of claim 16, wherein the length of the channel is at least 1.5 times larger than the width of the channel.

19. (Previously Presented) The arm support device of claim 17, wherein the length of the channel is at least two times larger than the width of the channel.

20. (Previously Presented) The arm support device of claim 16, wherein the length of the channel is in the range of 5-12 inches.

21. (Previously Presented) The arm support device of claim 16, wherein the clamp includes at least one threaded fastener for tightening the clamp.

22. (Previously Presented) The arm support device of claim 21, wherein the clamp includes two clamp pieces that are drawn together by the at least one threaded fastener.

23. (Currently Amended) An arm support device for use with an elongated item having a handle, the arm support device comprising:

a handle coupler defining a pivot ~~pin~~shaft opening;

an arm cradle having a base portion and opposing left and right side walls that define an upwardly facing channel having an open top side, the channel having a width and a length, the width of the channel being defined as a maximum distance measured between the left and right side walls, the length of the channel being generally perpendicular to the width and extending from a front end to a back end of the base portion, and the width of the channel being shorter than the length of the channel; and

a pivot pin ~~having an upper end portion connected to the arm cradle adjacent the front end of the base portion, and a lower end portion pivotally received within the pivot pin opening of the handle coupler, wherein the pivot pin pivots within the pivot pin opening to allow the arm cradle to be pivoted relative to the handle coupler~~positioned at the front end of the base portion of the arm cradle, the pivot pin including a pivot shaft portion defining a pivot axis about which the arm cradle pivots, the pivot shaft portion extending downwardly relative to the arm cradle such that the pivot axis extends generally in an upward/downward direction, the pivot shaft portion being pivotally received within the pivot shaft opening of the coupler, the length of the channel of the arm cradle extending generally radially outwardly from the pivot axis.

24. (Previously Presented) The arm support device of claim 23, wherein the base portion inclines as the base portion extends from the front end to the back end of the base portion.

25. (Previously Presented) The arm support device of claim 23, wherein the length of the channel is at least two times larger than the width of the channel.

26. (Previously Presented) The arm support device of claim 23, wherein the length of the channel is in the range of 5-12 inches.

27. (Currently Amended) A fishing system comprising:

a fishing rod including a top side, a bottom side, a left side and a right side, the fishing rod also including eyelets positioned at one of the top or bottom sides of the fishing rod, the fishing rod further including a reel mount, a shaft that extends forwardly from the reel mount and a handle that extends rearwardly from the reel mount, the eyelets being mounted to the shaft; and

a forearm support connected to the fishing rod, the forearm support having a support portion adapted for engaging an angler's forearm, the support portion defining an elongate forearm receiving channel having a length extending between open front and back ends of the channel, the support portion being located rearward of the reel mount when the angler's forearm is supported thereon, the forearm support being pivotally moveable relative to the fishing rod about a pivot axis that is oriented to allow the forearm support to pivot left and right relative to the fishing rod during fishing, and the forearm support being positioned such that the length of the forearm receiving channel extends generally radially outwardly from the pivot axis.

28. (Currently Amended) The fishing system of claim 27, wherein ~~the forearm support is elongated in a direction that extends away from the pivot axis, and wherein~~ the ~~support portion of the forearm support~~ forearm receiving channel angles upwardly as the support portion extends away from the pivot axis.

29. (Previously Presented) The fishing system of claim 27, wherein the forearm support is positioned higher than the top side of the fishing rod, and wherein the forearm support can be pivoted to a position in which the forearm support is located directly over a top side of the handle, and can also be pivoted to a position where the forearm support is not located directly over the top side of the handle.

30. (Previously Presented) The fishing system of claim 27, wherein at least a portion of the forearm support extends rearwardly beyond a rear end of the handle.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (New) The arm support device of claim 12, wherein the pivot pin extends from the coupler to the arm cradle and includes an upper end portion positioned at the bottom base portion of the arm cradle and a lower end portion defining the pivot shaft of the pivot pin, and wherein the pivot shaft is received within a pivot opening defined by the coupler.

33. (New) The arm support device of claim 32, wherein the upper end portion of the one piece member is secured to an underside of the bottom base portion of the arm cradle.

34. (New) The arm support device of claim 32, wherein the upper end portion of the pivot pin is oriented at an obtuse angle relative to the lower end portion of the pivot pin.

35. (New) The arm support device of claim 23, wherein the pivot pin includes an upper end portion positioned at the bottom base portion of the arm cradle and a lower end portion defining the pivot shaft portion of the pivot pin, and wherein the upper end portion of the pivot pin is aligned at an obtuse angle relative to the lower end portion of the pivot pin.